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LET Europe be at peace. The Monroe Doctrine is a dog that stays inside his

THE time is ripe for reform politics that will not be the work of professional reformers, but which will be sweeping. THE Springfield (O.) Republican urges

J. Pierpont Morgan to take the stump. Can it be incorporated under the laws of THE suicide of two officers within five

to be that it is entirely too healthful. A few Mont Pelees, yellow fever epidemics and devastating floods might get in their work there to the great gain of humanity. HARD lines for the religious orders everywhere. France has driven them out

at the point of the bayonet and Switzer-

land promptly declares that they shall not have refuge in her territory. THAT the coal operators are not entirely soulless is shown by the Philadelphia and Reading Company's offer to furnish the Philadelphia schools and charitable insti-

stoe, of Cleveland, O., for the next Dea strong man in every sense, with a first- fore, talks about "eighty-eleventh cous-

In 1882 Lieut. Greely succeeded in carry- Except these two small classes, every ing the Flag to 83.24 degrees north, or with- man on the pension roll has had to prove in a little over 51-2 degrees of the pole. In by a greater weight of evidence than 1901 Lieut. Peary succeeded in getting 11 would suffice to hang him were he on trial miles farther, or to 83.50. The same year for his life, that he honorably served the Nansen reached 86.14, and the Abruzzi Government in war-time, and that he is just returned which have failed to get The women on the roll have had to prove

record of the wamen on the roll have had to prove anything like as far. Only about 400 miles remain to reach the pole, but the explores the pole, but the explores the pole, but the explores the pole in the wamen on the roll have had to prove anything like as far. Only about 400 miles remain to reach the pole, but the explores the pole in assurable service, and their own requirements the marriage with him.

FORTUNATELY there is not the slightest doubt of the return of Courses from the Buffalo District of New York. He has received the has received by the pension laws, and and galloped across the ford to the hill one of the Grand Army of the member of the grand that the pension laws, and the pensio

AT THE meeting of the National Asset bly of Spanish War Veterans in Detroit, on Monday, Col. M. Emmet Urell, Acting Commander-in-Chief, presided. President Roosevelt was the guest of honor, and his old comrades in the audience, which packed the hall to the sidewalk, went wild when the President appeared upon the platform. There was another roar of enthusiasm when Miss Clara Barton entered and Acting Commander-in-Chief Urell "detailed" the President of the United States, whom he designated "comrade." to escort Miss Barton to a seat at his left. A little later, amidst the wildest shouts of acclaim, Gov. Bliss presented to the Michigan Spanish War Veterans the service medals from the State, first decorating "Comrade Teddy Roosevelt" with one. This medal he requested Mrs. Flora G. Lewis, National Senior Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans, and a resident of Washington, to pin upon the President's lapel which she did very gracefully, while the audience chamber rang with cheers.

GEN. BLACK'S CANDIDACY.

The committee having in charge Gen. John C. Black's candidacy for the Commander-in-Chiefship, have issued a second circular, as follows:

Headquarters Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, Chicago Ill., Sept. 12, 1902. Comrade: Our committee take the liberty of again calling your attention to the claims of Comrade John C. Black, our

candidate for Commander-in-Chief. His splendid record, covering four years of gallant service during the civil war: his rapid promotion, secured through per-sonal merit; his wounds, received in battle; his record in the Grand Army of the Republic, covering the entire period of its existence; his prominence and usefulness as a citizen and public official—all these have been touched upon, to some extent, in the letter sent to you by our Department Commander and his Adju-

courage us in the belief that he will be elected.

Gen. Black is the Grand Army Orator of the West, and the peer of any comrade living when talking on the subject of comradeship or on questions of vital importance to veterans of the great war.

Always the courteous gentleman, never falling to respond to the calls of the old soldier—and, as you know, these are numerous—possessed of marked ability as an organizer and a parliamentarian, we, who have been his friends and admirers for the past 40 years, are confident that had others known him as we have known who have been his friends and admirers for the past 40 years, are confident that had others known him as we have known him there would be a unanimous support tendered him from every Department and

by every representative.

The combination of qualifications possessed by him for this high position should, in our opinion, command your earnest support. After careful consideration and comparison of the merits of all candidates on your part we will be pleased to hear

from you.
Yours in F. C. and L., Thos. G.
Lawler, Past Commander-in-Chief; J. W.
Burst, Past Department Commander; Jas.
3. Martin, Past Department Commander;
E. A. Blodgett, Past Department Commander;
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E. A. Partingle, Department Commander; H. M. Trimble, Department Commander; C. A. Partridge, A. A. G. of Department, Committee.

REVISING THE PENSION LIST. The Associated Press recently sent ou

the" following dispatch: "The idea will be to materially reduce

"The Sun says: 'Not since the civil war days has either of the two great parties,

mit a plank to the Republican Conven-tion at Saratoga, which will in effect re-sult in protecting the Washington Treasdays on the warship Olympia seems to call for thorough investigation. This is more than a coincidence.

The principal trouble with Haiti seems to large and author the eighty-eleventh cousting and author from the Government which they do not deserve, and which they cannot in any way call upon the great American people

to pay.
"'Of course, it was said last night, this is a new departure in politics; it is the first step of the kind in Republican or Democratic politics since the war."

How much truth there is in this renains to be seen. The New York Sun, which is constantly decrying the sensationalism and indecency of the World and the Journal, has occasional spells of being employment can occupy themselves in more sensational and indecent than either guessing what it all means. more sensational and indecent than either of them. It may have sprung this as a bit of fake news, for its own purposes.

How reckless it can be is shown by its phrase "eighty-eleventh cousins and aunts." Every one who is half-informed knows how wildly absurd this is. Outtutions with coal at the usual September side of widows, there are very few rela-WE thought that joke about the Chi-tives of soldiers on the pension rolls. cago girls' big feet was as dead as the There is a provision for dependent fathers mother-in-law jibe. But it has been re- and mothers, but in the course of nature vived by that boss tank, the Grand Duke there can be but a scanty number of these Boris, taking a drink out of a Chicago on the rolls 37 years after the close of the girl's slipper. A "stove pipe" was too war. There is also the provision for deceased veterans' children until they reach THE comrades of Cuyahuga Co., O., are the age of 16, and for those who are perenthusiastic for Postmaster C. C. Dew- manently helpless after that age. The number of these must also be necessarily partment Commander of Ohio. At a re. small, and rapidly decreasing. Beyond cent meeting of all the Posts a committee this the law does not go, and the practice was formed and other steps taken for a of the Pension Bureau is narrower than vigorous campaign. Comrade Dewstoe is the laws provide. When the Sun, thereins and aunts," it writes itself down as astonishingly malicious and ignorant.

the Encampment Week it is purposed to hold in one of the immense tents at Camp Roosevelt a Grand Reunion of the sur-vivors of those who at any time served in the Tenth. Eighteenth, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Army Corps; of those who at any time served in the Department of at any time served in the Department of North Carolina both during and after the troops there ceased to constitute the Eigh-teenth Corps; of those who served in the Department of Virginia and in the De-partment of the South; in Peck's Division of the Fourth Corps of the Army of the Potomac, and in the Naval Brigade, and in the North and South Atlantic Blockad-ing Sanadrons.

or the purposes of this Reunion only and for greater convenience, the Commit-tee having these matters in charge has de-cided to unite all these old organizations under the general title of "The Army of the James." Comrades are all invited and the James." Comrades are all invited and expected to register their names and regiments or other commands, but the Reunion proper will be held, as stated, under the general designation of "The Army of the James," in Grant tent, at 2 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

"From the everglades of Florida to the indexes of Florida to the

"From the evergiades of Florida to the shadows of Richmond's spires our colors have been borne aloft in the storm of battle. Beloved comrades fell on every field; blood-stained paths of wrecked and mutilated patriots lead over many a hill and dale, through forest and morass, beside the smiling river, and along the desolate coast. Whitened bones mingle with the morating of coast deaths; glistening

may look again into faces once so famil-iar; feel again the clasp of the hand that had so much meaning in those far-off, warlike times; hear again, in gentle tones, warlike times; hear again, in gentle tones, those well-remembered voices that were wont to ring out the stern orders, or utter the firm words of encouragement, or the sounding phrases of commendation. Heads have turned gray, eyes grown dim, steps become faltering, perhaps; but the brave hearts that then beat in our young because with the steam of the ste

Department Commander and his Adju-tant-General, and do not need to be re-peated. The responses already received from all parts of the country indicate marked interest in his candidacy, and en-courage us in the belief that he will be elected. the same hearts that bore us up until the end. "We are but a small band here of all that mighty host, but we bid you all come, from the Generals to the drummer boys, that we may all unite in one grand Jubi-

LIEUT.-GEN? JOHN M. SCHOFIELD, the Twenty-third Corps and the Army of

Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, of the Eleventh and Twentieth Corps and the Army Maj.-Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, of the

Third Corps;

SPEAKER HENDERSON'S RETIREMENT. Hon. D. B. Henderson, Speaker of the

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House of Representatives, and Mr. Hen-Republican or Democratic, tackled this important question of the pensions and each year the pensions have been increased and still further increased until the forty-eleventh cousins of those who suffered in the civil war of 35 years ago have been beneficiaries of the American Government.

"The committee named propose to sub-

He has been for many years very popular in Iowa, and with the veterans, but of late has lost very much of his popular-ity with the latter, and has been sharply attacked by other elements. At present all those who have no better

THE FOURTEENTH CORPS.

the following call: The original Fourteenth Army Corps embraced all the troops serving in the De-partment of the Cumberland. It was orpartment of the Cumberland. It was organized in compliance with General Order No. 168, War Department, dated Oct. 24, 1862, which placed Gen. W. S. Rosecrans in command of that Department. This organization continued until Jan. 9. This organization continued until Jan. 9. "Blast pea-soup, anyway," returned the complete of the comple This organization continued until Jan. 9, 1863, when, by War Department General Order No. 9, the troops of the Army of the Cumberland were divided into the Fourteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-fist Corps. All soldiers who fought in the battle of Stone's River under Rosecrans belonged to the Fourteenth Army Corps.

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The Corps was again reorganized after the battle of Chickamauga, to wit, Oct. 9, 1863. It was commanded by Gen. Geor H. Thomas at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. After his elevation to the command of the Army of the Cumberland, the Corps was successively commanded by Gens. John M. Palmer and Jeff. C. Davis.

The Fourteenth Army Corps participat.

The Fourteenth Army Corps participated in the battles of Stone's River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge; in the At-lanta campaign, in Sherman's march to the sea, in the campaign of the Carolinas, and, after 2,000 miles of marching and fighting, joined in the Grand Review at Nansen reached 86.14, and the Abruzzi Government in war-time, and that he is Washington, after the close of the con-expedition 86.33. Two expeditions have now disabled in a pensionable degree. flict. Its history is a part of the priceless record of the war for the Union; its he-roic dead lie on all the blood-bought fields where they bravely fought; its sur-vivors cherish its well-won renown as a

Army Corps will be open to visiting com-rades. All who at any time served in that Corps are cordially invited to report at this tent, designated by the corps badge, as soon as possible after their ar-rival in the city. They will here be regis-tered, supplied with badges, and given all possible information and assistance in possible information and assistance in finding former comrades—the leading fea-ture of enjoyment in all these occasions. All will be made welcome, and everything in our power will be done to contribute to the comfort and pleasure of each dur ing their stay in the city.

Fraternally, Henry A. Castle, D. A.

Grosvenor, H. G. Potter, H. V. Boynton S. S. Daish, Committee. THE PEUNIONS

The Committee on Reunions, John Mc-Elroy Chairman, has arranged its program, which will stand practically as fol-

The program provides for about 40 meetings, including a formal dedication of Camp Roosevelt Monday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock. The array of speakers for

4:30 o'clock. The array of speakers for this occasion is notably distinguished, and includes Secretary Hay, Gen. Torrance, and Chairman B. H. Warner.

Assignment of dates and tents for Army, Naval, and Corps Reunions has been made as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10 a. m. — Second

Army Corps, Grant tent; Sixth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Ninth Army Corps, Sheridan tent; First Brigade, Second Dithe smiling river, and along the desolate coast. Whitened bones mingle with the mysteries of ocean depths; glistening headstones, in the quiet National Cemeteries, mark the last resting place of many a comrade. Time has mercifully softened many of the asperities of war, but eternity alone will suffice in which to remember the glorious aim and the righteous ending.

"So let us all meet once more, that we were leaded to the desolate with the desolate with the desolate with the desolate coast. Sheridan tent: First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Army Corps, Meade tent. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps; Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; Twelfth Army Corps, Meade tent. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Army Corps, Meade tent. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps; Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Army Corps, Meade tent. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps; Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Army Corps, Meade tent. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps; Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps; Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Fourth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Sherman tent; Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, Sheridan tent; Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War Veterans, Grant tent; Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p. m.—Spanish War V

Grand Reunion of women of patriotic the Tennessee, Grant tent; Fifth Corps, Sherman tent; Eighth Army Corps, the Society of the Army of West Virginia, Sheridan tent: Prisoners of War. Farra-

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1902-Grand Army brave hearts that then bent in our young breasts with the passionate heat of patriotism, now tempered with years, are still the same hearts that bore us up until the end.

"We are but a small band here of all that mighty host, but we bid you all come.

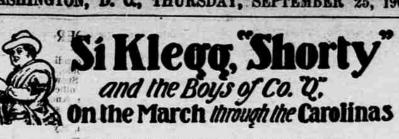
Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1302—Grand Army parade, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p. m.—Army of the Potomac, Grant tent; Fifteenth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Sons of Veterans, Sheridan tent; Naval Veterans, Farragut tent; Fourteenth Army Corps, Medde tent.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 10 a. m. the Cumberland, Grant tent; Thirteenth Army Corps, Sherman tent; Nineteenth Army Corps, Sheridan tent; Association of Shields's Division, Farragut tent; Penn-

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have all promised to be present, and address the Reunions of their corps and armental and other Reunions are yet to be



them, then the corn had to be soaked in the lye for hours. Next it had to be carefully washed to get rid of the hulls and every particle of the alkali. This was tedious and tiresome to boys who were working every day to the limit of their strength. Besides, even the best hominy was not bread, by a long shot, and the soldiers grew exceedingly tired of it.

Going out from the camp at Hickory Head, Si and Shorty soon obtained a good supply of corn, meat and forage in the

supply of corn, meat and forage in the valley of Pole Cat Creek, and hurried for-The committee having in charge the Re-unions of the Fourteenth Corps has issued tion of bread was uppermost in their

"The boys are just perishing for good solid bread that'll stick to the ribs," remarked Si, taking in the landscape, in search of a likely place for a mill. Yams

mill-site, but no mills by a dam site, remarked Shorty, remembering an old joke.
"Lucky Otterbein Kramer or Gen. Howard didn't hear you say that," said Si,
grinning. "Say, there's a fellow going
through the woods over there that looks
as if he had a bag of meal on his saddle.
Cut across there, Harry, and head him
off."

It was an old man, riding an old horse, with two or three pokes of meal on his saddle. He was shaking with fright when Harry overhauled him.

"Fore God, Mister Yankee," he pro-

"Come along with me to the Sergeant," commanded Harry.

"You ain't a-gwine to take away my meal, air you?" whined the old man. "He's take fust we've had sence a leetle arter Chrissmuss, an' my ole woman's bin on the lift all Winter with rheumatics, an' can't git nothin' to do her no good onless she has rale bread to go with hit."

"Don't bother about your meal, grandpap," said the impatient Harry. "Hurry along to the Sergeant. He's very anxious along the sergeant in the primitive mills of the country.

"I believe we can get it," remarked Shorty, "if we run the mill all afternoon. "Tain't but much past noon now, and we can run her till sundown, and then make can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown, and then make can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown, and then make can run her till sundown, are the can run her till sundown along the can run her till sundown al

What for name's that you give you boss, Mister Yankee?" quavered the old man, a new fear striking him. "Shar— What mout his name be? Shar—Sar"— "The Sergeant—Serg't Klegg."

"The Sergeant—Serg't Klegg."

"Sar—Sar—Some speaks hit difrunt," mumbled the old man. "Is he the
great big boss Yankee—the chief Beelzebub—the preachers air a-talkin' of, who
spits fire at folks an' burns 'em up? Take
my critter, an' my meal an' le' me go.
I want to see my ole woman ag'in afore
I die."

"Come on. Don't be an old fool," said Harry, roughly, seizing hold of the horse's bridle. "Come along. I've no time to

Whining and weeping, the old man was Whining and weeping, the old man was brought into Si's presence, and gazed tremblingly on the stalwart young Indi-anian, who to his alarmed eyes seemed the embodiment of everything terrible.



saw the mill in a gorge directly under them, and not 100 yards away. Its architecture was far below that of a stockshed on Deacon Klegg's farm. Two poles standing in the creek supported the ends of beams pinned to other poles on the bank. These carried a roof of rived clapboards, held in place by poles laid across them. There was a floor of hewed puncheous, but no sides to the shed. A couple of burr-stones about the size and not much harder than grindstones did the for Si to see anything needed was to grinding, and hopper and spout were of the crudest construction. The meal was received into a long trough, dug out of the trunk of a tulip tree, and such as are used on farms for stock feeding.

The mill was set in motion by a rudely contrived overshot wheel, with buckeye troughs for buckets.

For Si to see anything needed was to do it.

"I'll wade out there and roll 'em back," he said at once, and called to the other boys as to what he intended, and that they must cover him.

Fortunately, the bluffs and rocks on the other side sheltered the dam from the reduced was to do it.

Si looked over him and his horse for a minute without speaking, which increased the old man's terror.

"What've you got in those pokes, old man?" Si asked, eagerly; but it seemed the tone was ferocious to the old man.

"Jes' le-e-t-l-e j-a-g-s o' y-a-f-l-e-r m-e-a-l," he quavered out, as he found his tongue.

Trunk of a tunp tree, and such as are used or frame for stock feeding.

The mill was set in motion by a rudely centrived overshot wheel, with buckeye troughs for buckets.

A couple of hundred yards above was a pretense of a dam, made by filling in the channels between the rocks with bowlders.

The violence of the recent floods had pushed many of these out of place, so

"Where did you get it?" Si demanded, with still more eager earnestness.

"Oh, for the Lord A'mighty's sake, spare me!" begged the old man. "I'm a pore ole man, a mouty pore ole man, with nothin' but a game leg an' a frazzled heart 'twixt me an' etarnity. I can't do no harm to Abe Lincoln, nur the Constitution o' the Nunited States. 'Deed I can't. Jes' le' me go home, Mister Yankee, an' take keer o' my ole woman a few years longer, an' you kin go right ahead with your army, an' I pledge you my word I won't interfere. 'Deed I won't."

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"Where did you get it?" Si demanded, water for the ditch which conveyed the water to the lazily turning wheel.

About 20 rebel cavalrymen were gathatill the mill, with their horses tethered a little ways back on a level spot behind a shoulder of the hill.

Three or four of the more industrious were engaged in shelling corn, under the direction of the Sergeant of the squad, who was superintending the grinding, who was superintending the structure of the buckets of the wheel to bowlder into the buckets of the work, which, however, must have been going on for some time, as the trough in front of the spout was getting pretty well filled with the coarse meal. Four others were engaged in a game of seven-yellow the spout and the rest of the work in the proving th

of Shields's Division, Farragut tent; Association of Shields's Division, Farragut tent; Pennan clasped his hands in any corps, Education, Fith of Division, row broke out which distracted his attention.

"Heah, stop that blasted keard-playin' an' come an' take your sheer o' the shellers."

"Same here," said Si. "What regiment do you belong to?"

"You lazy shoats, you don't do nothin' but play keards the livelong time. You're allers shirkin' whenever thar's anything to do. Come heah, an' spell us. Our hands air gittin' plumb sore with shelin'."

"Mind your own business, an' go on with what you was set to do, Pete Clout," answared one of the card-players. "You sellers grumblin' bout workin'. Can't tote a bucket o' water without complaintion."

"Yes, I was taken there myself."

"The headquarters of Walter C. Whittaker Post. 15, of Louisville, Ky., will be at the Harris House, 800 E street northwast wood was set in command.

for a cautious, silent advance, leading their horses, and with carbines raised, ready for instant use.

They were coming to the top of a low hill when they saw Sandy slip from his saddle and tie his horse, and motion to Pete to do the same, and for them to hitch and come on up.

Looking covertly over the crest, they saw the mill in a gorre directly under

him."
"Keep him as quiet as you can," an-Sandy was inspecting and putting in some effective touches here and there to increase the mill's efficiency. "If those bowlders were only back in thir places," bowlders were only back in the dam, "it and make her grind ever so much faster. For Si to see anything needed was

other side sheltered the dam from the rebels' direct fire. They were amazed at the impudence of the Yankee, who deliberately waded into the ice-cold water and began manual labor right under their eyes. tongue.

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"Oh, for the Lord A'mighty's sales water to the leady tongue.

The violence of the recent floods had pushed many of these out of place, so that there was but a very low head of water for the ditch which conveyed the ing for this manuar labor right under their eyes.

The Sergeaut made a rush with several of his men to gain a point where they water for the ditch which conveyed the ing for this manuar labor right under their eyes. volley from their repeaters that the rebeis were glad to drop down behind the rocks. Si went on calmly with his work, until he had restored the bowlders to their places, and, as Sandy had predicted, the mill was

grinding twice as fast.
"Say, Yank!" called out the rebel Ser geant from the shelter of a rock, as Si rolled the last bowlder back, and stood for a moment studying the job to see if there was anything more he could do. "What is it, Johnny?"

"You're a cool one, and no mistake."
"Well, this water ain't particularly "That ain't what I mean, Yank. Who "That ain't what I mean, Yank. What do you say to King's ex for a little spell?"
"O, I'm agreeable to anything. Call off your dogs, and we'll stop firing."
"'Nuff said. We'll stop."
The firing stopped on both sides, and the skirmishers stepped out from their coverts. Si waded back to his side of the

beautiful thing about it is that the flag was made by the men themselves, and

help. You can't boss us, you snifflin' clothes. That'd be no end of a grind on clay-eater."

"Who air you callin' a clay-eater, you let you come back on this side and get scroferlous sang-digger?" yelled Clout, your clothes. You must leave your guns aming an ear of corn at the other's head, over there. We're fixing up this mill so There was an instant mix-up, which that it'll grind twice as fast. We'll get

in this neck of woods, look out for yourselves."
"Fret not your gizzard about us," grinned Shorty. "The old woman said that
she always noticed that if she managed
to live through February, she generally
lived through the year. We're pretty near
through February, and South Carolina,
and I guess we'll manage to live through
the rest of the year and of the Southern
Confederacy."

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Ale was helping Sandy clean out the buckets, remove the trash from the gate, and clean out below, so as to give the wheel the greatest freedom and power.

wheel the greatest freedom and power, and soon had the mill in better shape than it had been for years.

Si, Shorty and the rest sat by the fire talking to the rebels of their old and present campaigns, and shelling corn. Si gave the Southerners an object lesson as to the superior rapidity of the Northerners at this work. By the time the sun began to sink behind the hills, enough meal had been ground to satisfy Si. It was filled into bedticks, and the boys mounted and presented arms to the rebels, who lined up and saluted.

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"So long, Yanks. Remember the 3d Confederate Cavalry," shouted the rebels.
"That we will," responded the Yanks.
"Look out for the 200th Injianny Volunteer Infantry. We'll see you later. By-

(To be continued.)

MONUMENT TO GEN. GIBSON.

An earnest effort is being made to raise fitting monument to the memory of Gen. Gibson, of Ohio, the "old man eloquent" of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years. For nearly half a century Gen. "Bill" Gibson was one of the most attractive, sought-after public speakers in the West, and his voice was always raised eloquently and persuasively for the benefit of his old comrades. Gen. Gibson went out with the 49th Ohio, a gallant regiment which lost more men than any other from the State. He commanded it in all its battles. He died poor, and his grave is unmarked. It seems altogether fitting and proper that the comrades for whom he did so much should show sufficient respect to his memory to raise a monument. Contributions can be sent to William Negele, Treasurer, Tiffin, Ohio.

How versatile the joys of bird-life. To hear them sing in the Spring, and eat them in the Fall.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

Death last week ended the career of lame, ex-Justice Grav of the United States Supreme Court, who retired because of ill-health only a month ago. He was born March 24, 1828, in Boston. and was educated at Harvard. His life was full of rich advantages and he availed himself of them, rising rapidly. He was appointed to the United States Supreme Court Bench in 1881 by President Arthur. Justice Gray was a giant in stature, over six feet, and big accordingly. He had a ruddy, roundish face, and was one of the most genial and sociable of men, and often seen at society functions in Washington, where he towered above every other man in the horizon.

Hon, Romeo H. Freer, former U. S. Consul, former Judge of the State Circuit Court, and former Member of Congress, but now Attorney-General of West Virginia, remembered a Son of Veteran the other day in his appointment of Wm. Burdette Mathews as Assistant Attorney-General. Mr. Mathews is the son of Department Commander C. C. Mathews, of Moundville, W. Va. Judge Freer is a Past Department Commander of West Virginia, and showed good judgment in the selection of a son of a veteran for the selection of a son of a veteran for the responsible position of his First As-sistant, inasmuch as he is also a wellread attorney. The new appointee is Past Captain of Gen. B. F. Kelly Camp, S. V. He is remembered in Washington, where he took his law course at Columbian University, and was a member of Logan Camp, S. V., while a resident of his city.

President Roosevelt was presented with a bullet gnarled cane "from the battlefield of Chickamauga," when there. There ought to be some kind of regulation against this denutling of the forests. The canes from Chickamauga would almost corduroy a road from the battlefield to

Every effort is being made in Washington to beautify the play grounds of school children. More trees are to be planted upon them, and where possible the grounds are to be made larger. At a meeting of the Spanish War Vet-

At a meeting of the Spanish War veterans Friday night, Sept. 5, a beautiful tea service of silver was presented to Col. Lee Lipscomb, who is the retiring Corps Commander of the Department of Potomac, Spanish War Veterans. Secretary of the Navy Moody has had presented to him by the enlisted men of the U. S. S. Dolphin a beautiful flag of the Secretary of the Navy. The flag is a bright blue silk with a foul anchor in the center and a star in the four corners. The heartiful thing about

was presented to the Secretary as a token of their appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the enlisted men of the Navy. It is reported that Murat Halstead will try to enter Congress from Ohio. If he is as vigorous in debate as he is with a pen he will make things interesting all around for awhile. Murat Halstead is a free lance, even though tagged "Repub-

It is said that a warm friendship has prung up between the Earl Roberts-Little Bobs"—of England and Gen. Leonard C. Wood of the United States.